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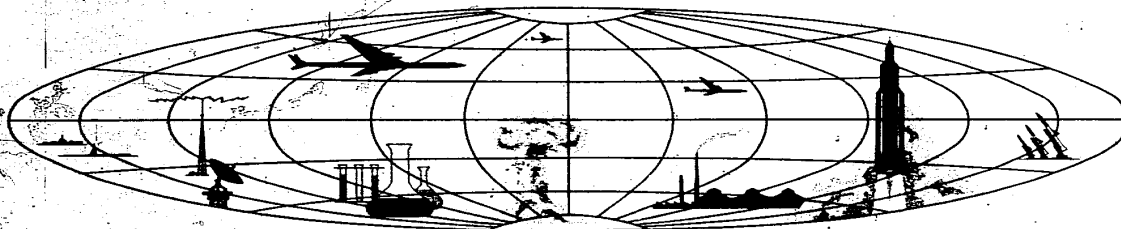
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An SA-3 SAM launch site, as seen on recent small-format photography, is near completion approximately 46 nautical miles west-northwest of

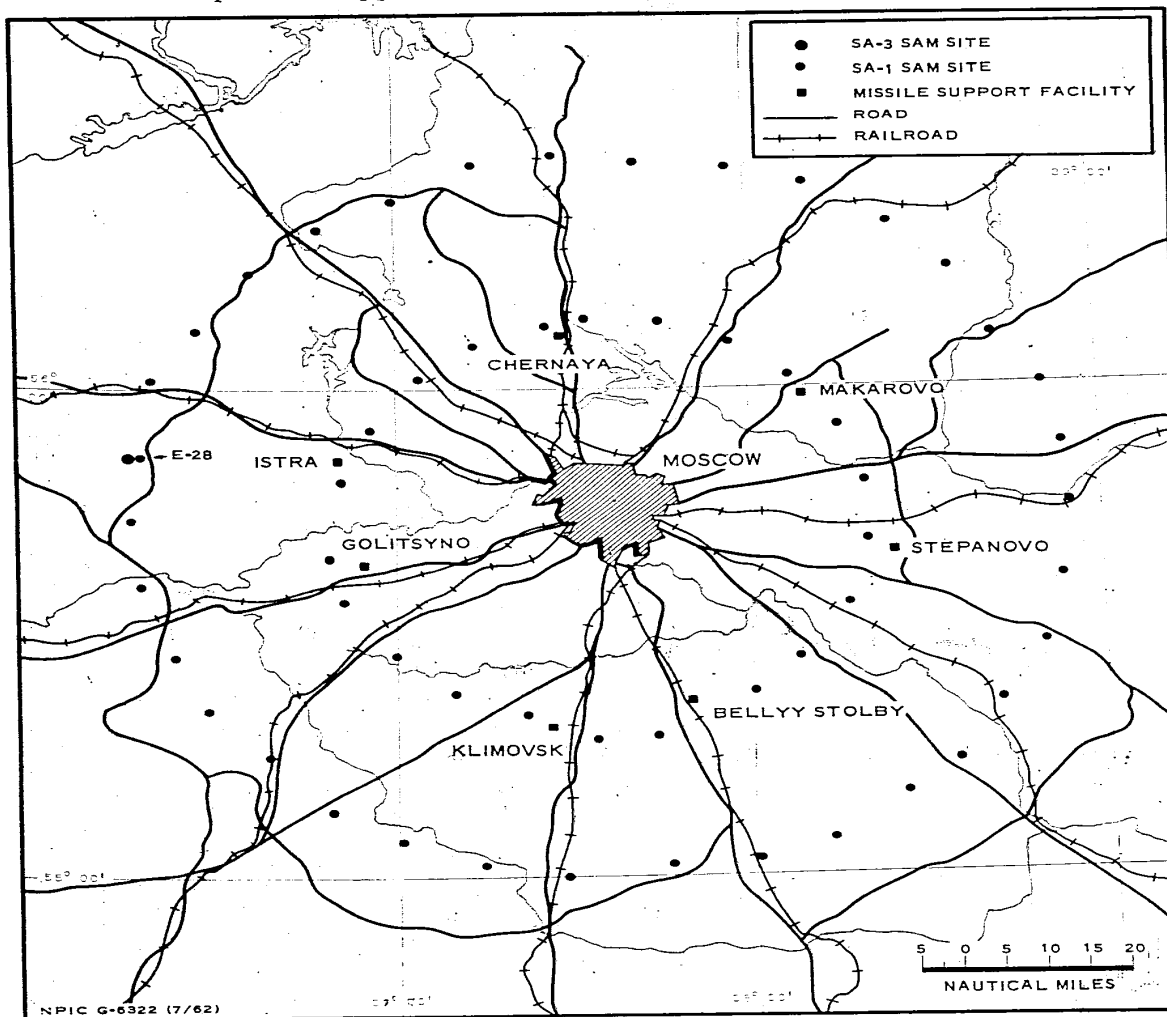


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SA-3 SAM LAUNCH SITE NEAR MOSCOW.

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Moscow at 55-52N 36-18E (Figure 1). The SA-3 site is being constructed approximately 1,900 feet west of the western end of SA-1 SAM launch site E-28 (Figure 2).

The SA-3 site is served by an access road which ties to the western end of the median service road in the SA-1 site. The road leads west from the SA-1 site in line with the median service road for approximately 1,100 feet, where it dips sharply to the south before entering the SA-3 site in a northwesterly direction.

The center of the SA-3 site is 130 feet south of an imaginary line extended from the median service road of the SA-1 site. The azimuth of the SA-1 site is 280 degrees and that of the SA-3 site is 300 degrees (Figure 2).

The quality of the photography limits interpretation to gross aspects such as the size, shape, and orientation of the site. A number of smaller objects are visible within and about the site; however, they are not specifically identifiable (Figure 3). Most of them are probably associated with the construction work.

The general layout of the site is similar but not identical to that of the Palanga SA-3 SAM site. ^{1/} The angle of parting of the service roads at the entrance of the site is less acute in the Moscow site. The pads and service roads are approximately the same size as those in the Palanga site. The revetted area within the site appears to be similar although construction is not complete. At this time there is no indication of a revetted area at the immediate entrance to the site; however, some unidentified objects are deployed in that vicinity. There is a possible hardstand under construction just before the entrance at a position which approximates that of the hardstand at the Palanga site (Figure 3).

Construction of the site appears to be nearing completion. Continued photography of this area would yield valuable information for detailed reporting of the SA-3 SAM system if photographic quality can be improved.

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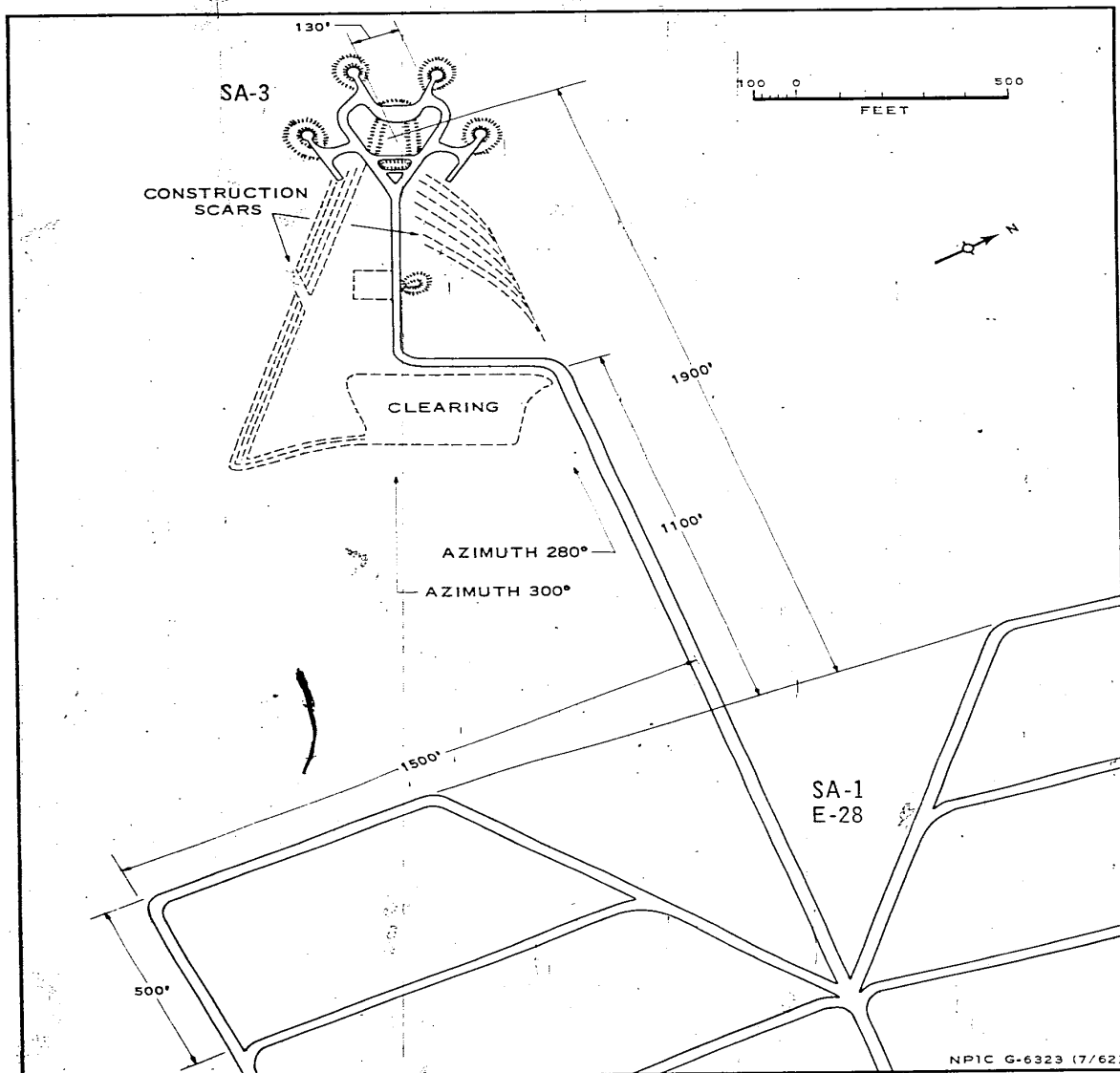


FIGURE 2. RELATIONSHIP OF THE SA-3 SAM LAUNCH SITE TO MOSCOW SA-1 SAM LAUNCH SITE E-28.

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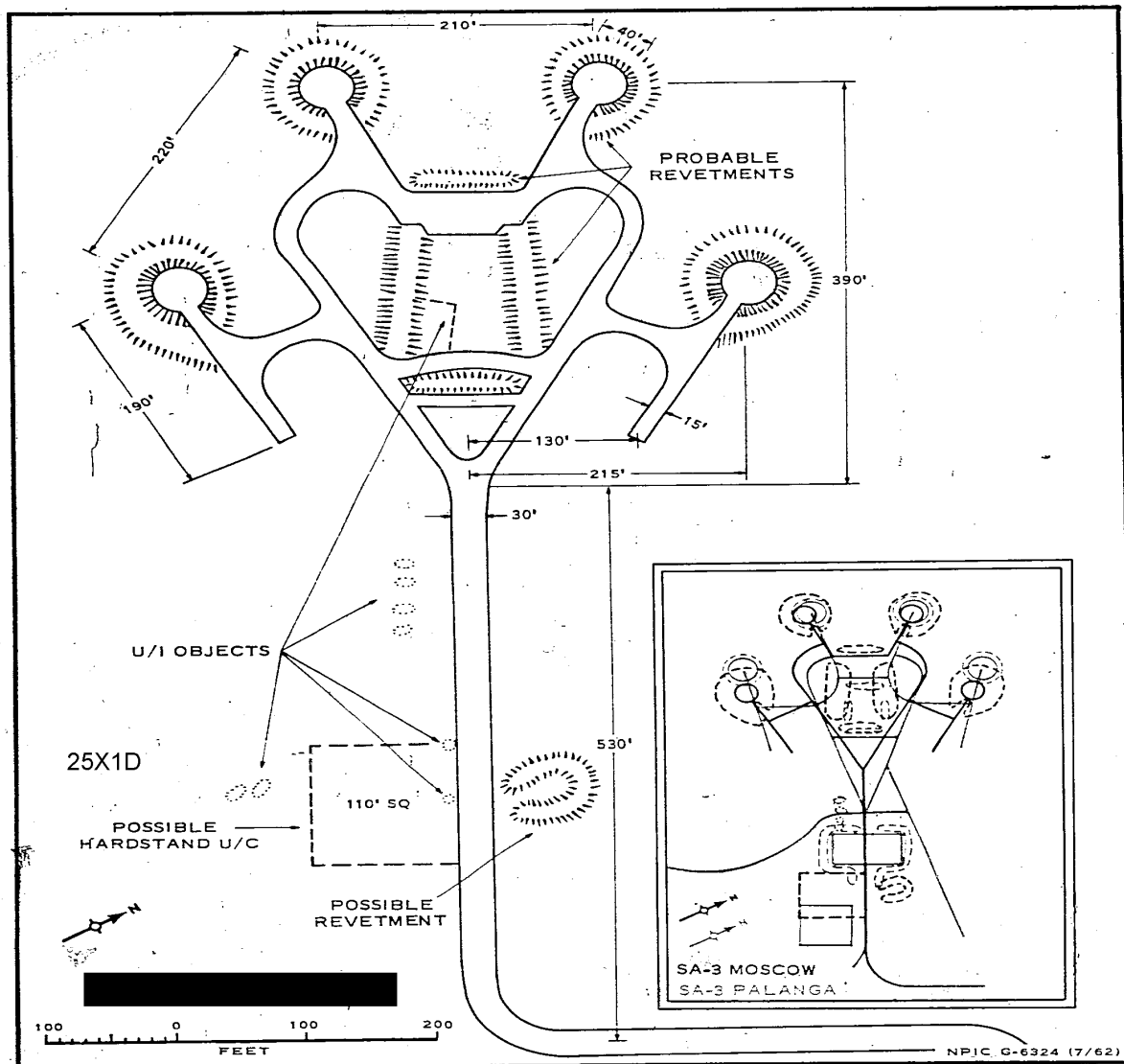


FIGURE 3. SA-3 SAM LAUNCH SITE AT MOSCOW SA-1 SAM LAUNCH SITE E-28 (including inset showing comparison with Palanga SA-3 site).

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